(f) The State-wise area under Bt coton during Kharif, 2002 is estimated as under:

	Area in acres
Gujarat	22918
Madhya Pradesh	3676
Maharashtra	30227
Andhra Pradesh	9192
Karnataka	5463
Tamil Nadu	1485

The crop of Bt cotton during Kharif, 2002 has not been fully harvested.

Testing of imported cattle in UK

2378. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 333 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the samples of the cattle imported from Australia were sent to the International Epizooties Referral Laboratory, UK for testing; and

(b) if so, the result of the laboratory on the blood samples of the cattle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the 232 samples sent to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Reference Laboratory in United Kingdom in two batches, 118 samples were tested positive for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea antibody.